

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 29th April 2012

IRTS AGM Weekend

Our AGM Weekend took place on Saturday and Sunday last in Dundalk. The event was hosted by the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society, who pulled out all the stops to ensure that everything went smoothly.

The first function was the IRTS Annual Dinner on Saturday. This was very well attended, with more than 90 members and guests present. The guests included Hans Timmerman, PB2T (President of IARU Region 1), Colin Thomas, G3PSM (representing RSGB), Rory Hinchy, EI4DJB (representing the Minister for Communications), Derek O'Reilly (representing ComReg) and Marianne Butler, who chairs Dundalk Town Council. After the dinner we were entertained by the Donal Nagle Band.

The usual traders and some more took tables at Sunday's Rally; business seemed to be reasonably brisk. Coinciding with the Rally there was a talk on SD Logging by Paul EI5DI, author of the SD Logging Program. The 80m news was read from the Rally at 12.00 noon by Ger EI4GXB inside the AREN mobile unit which was situated in hotel car park.

The turnout at the society's Annual General Meeting was the highest in recent years. In addition to the presentation of the Committee Report and the Annual Accounts, there was a lively discussion at the meeting on points raised by members. Also, Paul EI2CA formally handed over the presidency to Séamus EI8BP. Prior to the handover, Paul presented the President's Cup to John Tait, EI7BA "for his excellence in DXing over decades". The President's Cup - awarded to John Tait EI7BA "for excellence in DXing over decades" Sheila Piper Cup - awarded to Pat Fitzpatrick EI2HX "for his series of articles on Amateur Television which were published in Echo Ireland." See www.irts.ie/awards for more information on the trophies and cups presented at this year's AGM.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The May meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday next the 2nd of May in Raheen House Hotel, Raheen Road, Clonmel at 8.30pm, All are welcome.

Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday 28th June at 2 p.m. in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. The examination may be held on that day at other centres where warranted by the number of candidates. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee online are available by clicking on the Licence Exam button on the IRTS homepage at www.irts.ie Places for the examination are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee in order to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

For those who have expressed interest in participating in Theory Classes leading to the Amateur Radio Licence with South Eastern Amateur Radio Group, there will be an information / planning session at our next general meeting which takes place at 8:30 p.m. on Monday 30 April (tomorrow) in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All are welcome!

Vinny EI5GLB

Vinny EI5GLB is looking for new members to sign up for ecomputerclassifieds.com. All new members get 30 days free. Sign up today and start selling your unwanted items.

HAMCON

The Northern Ireland Amateur Radio Conference – brought to you by West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club, Technology Education Centre, 2 Spillers Place, Omagh. Lectures/Seminars, Demonstrations, Special Interest Groups, Trade Stands, National Societies, Disabled Facilities, Door Prizes, Raffle, Catering. The event this year takes place 16th June 2012.

Dave, WJ2O,

Dave, WJ2O is planning to visit and travel around Ireland and Northern Ireland for 10 days in the middle of July 2012. He is looking for suggestions of interesting ham radio sites on the island.

You can E-mail him at dave /at/wj2o/dot/.com. He maintains a website of all his ham radio travels at wj2o.com.

DX News

Luigi IV3XNF will be operating as OD5/IV3XNF from the Lebanon from early May until October next. He is part of the UNIFIL mission in that country and will be operating from a military base. QSLs go via his home call and he will also upload his logs to Logbook of the World.

Special prefixes of GQ, MQ and 2Q will be heard from the United Kingdom to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee from 5 May until 10 June. In addition to this some stations in Gibraltar will use the prefix ZQ instead of the normal ZB.

Seppo OH1VR who was heard last week operating from Crete as SV9/OH1VR will be returning to Bermuda from 7 – 13 May where he will sign OH1VR/VP9.

As a result of a reciprocal licensing agreement between France and Thailand which was signed last December there should soon be a number of new calls on the bands. The first of these is Alain HS0ZKG. His home call is F6HBR and he has also been active as FO8FW and FR5EM. He operates mainly CW and will count as AS-101 for the Islands on the Air Award.

April 28th to May 5th.Hatteras Island IOTA NA 067 Andy Ronan N9TGR (EI6KG) (ex EI8IM) will be active family style.Yaesu FT-897,Ameritron AL-811 600 watts into a Cushcraft R7.Will pay special attention to EI calls.Callsign will be N9TGR/4

Eurovision Song Contest special callsigns

A number of amateur radio stations in Azerbaijan will be operating special event stations with the suffix SONG or SONG during the "Eurovision Song Contest" until Jun 15.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be

submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both

the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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